

Monday 21/09/20

Habakkuk 2:3

Having chickens and ducks I collect eggs. These eggs are always fresh and tasty in a range of recipes. But so far no baby chicks or ducks. I just need to be patient. Habakkuk had a similar problem. He waited in prayer and found God's silence. While Babylon's mistreatment of Judah hung heavy on his heart. When would God answer his prayers?

God tells Habakkuk that it will take time. And it took six decades for his prayers to be answered. Only when God and the people were ready did the rescues take place. Things haven't changed, we are still impatient. Patience is important.

In your time Lord I place all my plans

Tuesday: 22/09/20

Acts 15:38

To err is human, though forgiveness takes time. In Mark's case it took Paul many years to find a place to forgive him. Paul, Mark and Barnabas were on a journey. Mark chose to leave his friends. Paul was not happy. This rift could have been the end. But we read in 2 Timothy 4:11; Paul requests that Mark go to him and calls him a great help.

Mark's life shows us that God won't leave us alone with our mistakes. He will be there for us. Helping us to grow and be blessed for his names sake.

When I err Lord I know I can turn to you

Wednesday: 23/09/20

Genesis 2:15

For many the very word 'work' is a four letter word. I met someone who was excited about getting a full time job. I asked him what it was about work that he liked. His answer surprised me. He wanted a job so he could have paid sick leave. Motivation?

Genesis 2 tells us that God set Adam in the garden to work and care for it. Sounds good for him. But why are we each where we are? Genesis 1 tells us. We are made in his image to cultivate the world as we each represent him. As stewards of what he created and messengers of his Gospel of Saving Grace.

Lord, may my words and works speak of your Grace

Thursday: 24/09/20

1 Peter 3:15

There are times when I feel like I haven't had the chance to share my faith. In modern terms it's been called gossiping the Gospel. Peter tells us in this verse that we should "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks" us to give a "reason for the hope that we have". Perhaps in some small way this tract is my way of sharing.

Maybe you could find a way of sharing it too. Talk to a friend about your faith and use the tract as a point of conversation? Just a thought.

Lord, prepare my heart and tongue to share my faith

Friday: 25/09/20

Luke 19:10

There are times we can find ourselves pushed aside and marginalised. When we find it hard to see what is going on.

In Jewish society the tax collector for the Romans were deemed persona non grata. They were looked down on for the work they did. Zacchaeus was one such person. Yet he deeply wanted to see Jesus, so he climbed a tree and waited. His persistence was rewarded when Jesus informed him he would eat a meal with him. This story reminds us Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Jesus will find us as we seek to find him. Just as Zacchaeus did.

I seek the Lord in every hour and am blessed

Saturday: 26/09/20

John 13:34

Do you have a favourite? Someone you like a little better than others? Perhaps a favourite relative that always makes you smile. In Genesis 37 we read about how Joseph was the favourite of his Father. His brothers were jealous.

God calls us to do the most difficult task but never leaves us without the means to do them. In John 13:34 we are told love one another as the Lord has loved us. Easily said but at times hard to show. With God's Grace we are empowered to do it.

Lord, help me reflect your love for me to others

In your Word Miracles abound



There are miracles in your Word:

In lives salvaged;
From the depths of despair.
From the edge of suicide.
From the loss of humanity.

There are miracles in your Word:

In the World where;
Poverty is accepted as normal.
Children are deemed useless.
Women are treated as possessions.

There are miracles in your Word:

Where Life is deemed;
Cheap and a commodity.
Humanity seeks only itself.
The future is deemed to be empty.

There are miracles in your Word:

If only we take time to find them.

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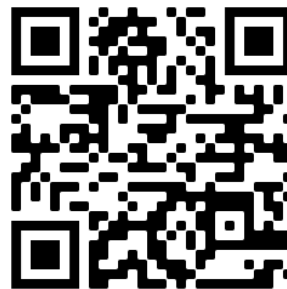
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